

(e) and (f). Continuance or extension of Green Line Service to other areas will depend upon the successful operation of the services started on experimental basis.

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Facilities provided by Public Sector Banks to Employees Associations

6076. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the public sector banks to provide office accommodation and other facilities like check-off facility etc. to their SC/ST employees' organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Syndicate Bank has already provided furnished Office accommodation and other facilities to the Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees' Association (Regd.), New Delhi and its representatives without approval of Government ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Syndicate Bank has also provided similar facilities to All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.), New Delhi and its representatives;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the names of other public sector banks allowing such facilities to their SC/ST employees organisations and representatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Syndicate Bank has reported that it has made available unutilised

space at one of its branches in Delhi to Syndicate Banks SC/ST Employees Association (Regd.) for its welfare activities. No separate premises has been hired by the bank for this purpose.

(e) and (f) The Bank has further reported that it has not provided similar facilities to the All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.) as it is minority in character.

(g) Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank and Indian Overseas Bank have allowed the facility of deduction of membership fee from the salary of the members of their respective SC/ST Employees' Associations. UCD Bank and Bank of Maharashtra have provided office accommodation to their respective SC/ST Employees Welfare Associations and Allahabad Bank has provided the check-off facility as well as office accommodation to its SC/ST Employees Welfare Association.

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Complaints Against use of Sub-Standard Parts in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

6077. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA
NAYAK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding the use of sub-standard parts in the Lucknow unit of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and action

taken against the persons found responsible; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). An enquiry was conducted by HAL which established this as a case of systems deficiency and no specific officer has been held responsible. Appropriate rectification action has been initiated by the Company.

[English]

Selection to Defence Services

6078. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPLAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Air Force, Navy and Army the authorities insist on 70 per cent marks in SSLC Examination as minimum for selection to defence services instead of 60 per cent, 50 per cent and 45 per cent respectively being followed till recently as the criteria for selection for candidates belonging to Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Alappuzha Districts, while the percentage of marks prescribed for other districts are much less;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix a uniform criteria for selection to these services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The minimum qualifying marks required to be obtained at the SSLC/Matriculation Examination for applying for recruitment to the general/non-technical trades of the Defence Services are the same all over the country, as per details given below:-

(i) Soldiers (General Duty) - Pass percentage in the Army.

(ii) Sailors (Direct Entry Matriculates) - 55% in the Navy

(However, for the sons/brothers of Naval personnel the qualifying marks are 45%)

(iii) Airmen (Non-technical) in the Air Force - 45%

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The criteria are followed uniformly, throughout the country.

[Translation]

Excise Duty Received From M/s. I.T.C. Limited, Monghyr

6079. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central revenue in the form of excise duty earned by the Union Government from I.T.C Limited, Monghyr, Bihar every year;

(b) whether ten per cent of the Central revenue earned from a city is spent on its development; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not spending this amount on the development of Monghyr city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR): (a) The amount of Central Excise duty earned by the Union Government from M/s. I.T.C. Limited, Monghyr, Bihar, for the last three years was as under:-